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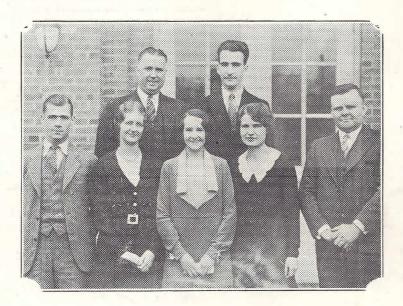
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M. C. H. S. Faculty



Back Row: F. B. Norton—agriculture and biology, W. D. Keyes Jr.—History.

Front Row: J. H. Wolf—Science and Coach, Beatrice Kane—English, Ellen Garrison—Home Economics, Martha Flugum—Foreign Language, E. H. Menke—Principal and Mathematics.

Editorial

INVESTING LIFE

CONGRATULATIONS, young men and women of the graduating class of '31. You have accomplished a part of that life work which every man and woman desires to do; preparing for the future.

You are now thinking of greater tasks with an even more strenuous expenditure of time, money and brawn, either in a new program of higher education and preparation or in putting into execution those ideas and ideals thus far gained. In either case you will make investments. You will put into some venture something of value, trusting that the returns will be profitable and abundant. You may invest in financial fields, in educational realms, in some real estate project or in some of a hundred other ways but above all you will be invecting in LIFE. Investing your life in the greater LIFE about you.

Surely no greater contribution could be made to society than that of investing a life of the highest type—one that is well equipped, noble of character and pure in soul, mind and body. If an investment is worth making at all it is worth venturing all upon, with-holding nothing that would better the chance of returns or increase the dividends. Therefore, young men and women, put your best into life, give it all that your life holds, with-holding from the world no selfish powers and talents for you are investing in this life that which will bring returns both while you live here and again in that life Eternal.

So, again, I say, while investing in this world's goods, invest largely and wisely your life in the greater life about you,

so that your reclining years will be happly spent in the joys of your life's investments' returns and the peaceful knowledge that you have thus made your finest and best contribution to your fellowmen and your God.—Rev. P. R. Coen.

HOW IT FEELS TO BE A SENIOR

In recalling high school days the writer's memory goes back to a freshman class in 1927. As is always attributed to any beginning group, they are considered green by the upper-classmen. Maybe so, but at that the members have certain goals and ambitions. Many of the freshmen wished that they might be some leading member of the senior class, and then would not need to worry about making a good many silly breaks or having the long four year grind ahead of them. Possibly it was honorable to be amongst the exalted in the schools, but such a position brings up the situation of the supreme, invincible, all-powerful, irreproachable, unconquerable chief potentate of a negro lodge who got beat up by his wife.

The class passed thru the first year and entered upon the Sophomore term with a feeling of supremacy over the freshmen. And another year past, and they became juniors. In this third year their awe and respect for the seniors decreased as they themselves felt that they were amongst the upper part of the student body, and realized that the honor-

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SENIOR CLASS

PRESIDENT

ROSEMARY COX-"Rosie"

"Blessed is she who is endowed with brains and talent."
Latin Club, 1; Orchestra, 1, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3,; Hiking Club, 3; President of Literary Club, 3; President of Home Economics Club, 3, 4; Booster Club, 3, 4; "High Flyers," 3; "Oh, Kay!" 4.



FLOYD HILT-"Joe"

"Lawsyme, but he's tall."

Football, 1-4; Basketball, 1-4; Track, 1-4; Agriculture Club, 1; Radio Club, 2; Secretary, 3, 4; "High Flyers," 3; "In Old Louisiana," 4.

SECRETARY

FRED E. STERLING-"Varsity"

"When Fred is seized with a fit of giggling, don't try to stop him—it's useless."

Agriculture Club, 1; Radio Club, 2-4; "High Flyers," 3; "Oh, Kay!" 4; "In Old Louisiana," 4; Basketball, 4; Football, 4.

TREASURER.

RACHEAL BOWDEN-"Shorty"

"A petitie bundle of honor, pep and conversation, naturally she's indispensable."

Basketball, 1-4; Glee Club, 1, 3, 4; Yell Leader, 2-4; Latin Club, 1; Class Vice President, 1; President of Hiking Club, 3; "High Flyers," 3; Literary Club, 3; "Oh, Kay!" 4; Booster Club, 4; "In Old Louisiana," 4; Valedictorian,4.

JOHN AMMANN—"Doc"

"I'm strong for the weaker sex."

Football, 1-4; Basketball, 1-4; Track, 1-4; F. F. A., 1-4; Class Treasurer, 1; "Never Touched Me," 1; Yell Leader, 1; Literary Club, 3; Booster Club, 3, 4; Radio Club, 2-4; Treasurer, 4; "High Flyers," 3; Male Quartette, 3; Glee Club, 4; "Oh, Kay!" 4; "In Old Louisiana," 4.

GLADYS AUSTIN-"Gram."

"For here is joy—my friend and I are one."

Latin Club, 1; Glee Club, 1; Orchestra, 1, 2, 4; Basketball
1-3; Home Economics Club, 3; "High Flyers," 3; "Oh, Kay!"

CHARLES BENNETT-"Charley"

"Young man, why do you talk, and talk, and talk?"

Agriculture Club, 1, 2; "High Flyers,"3; "Oh. Kay! 4:

Vice President of Orchestra, 4; Track, 4; Football, 4; Baskerball, 4; President F. F. A., 4.

MONTIZELLE BRADEN-"Monty"

"I want what I want when I want it."

Latin Club, 1; Glee Club, 1, 3, 4; Literary Club, 3; Home Economics Club, 3; Class President, 2: Class Treasury, 3: "High Flyers," 3; "In Old Louisiana," 4; Salutatorian.4.



























LELAND CAMP-"Sam"

"He is a little backward about coming forward." Agriculture Club, 1, 2; Radio Club, 4; "Oh, Kay!" 4.

WILBUR CHAPMAN-"Crip"

"A pal, a sport, a classmate—what more could we ask?" Fairbury High School, 1, 2; Glee Club, 2; Class President, 3; Student Council, 3; Football, 3, 4; Basketball, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Male Quartette, 3; "In Old Louisiana," 4; "Oh, Kay!" 4.

RUTH LYONS-"Rufus"

"I shall smile for you, but I will not encourage you." Basketball, 1; Literary Club, 3; Home Economics Club, 3: "High Flyers," 3; "Oh, Kay!" 4.

CLEO SHOEMAKER-"Kayo"

"Two heads are better than one if both are Seniors." Latin Club, 1; Glee Club, 1, 3, 4; Gym, 1, 2; Hiking Club, 3; Literary Club, 3; "In Old Louisiana," 4.

EDITH SHOEMAKER--"Tom"

"A maiden never bold."

Glee Club, 1; Basketball, 1-3; Latin Club, 1; Home Economics Club, 3; "High Flyers," 3.

WALLACE TURNER-"Wally"

"Oh, Gee! But I'm lazy."

Bolivar, Mo., High School, 2; Class Vice President, 3; Latin Club, 1; Student Council, 3; Radio Club, 3, 4; Booster Club, 4; Stage Manager, 4.

MIRAM VANDE VANTER—"Van"

"She said, or right or wrong,

What came into her head."

Basketball, 2-4; Glee Club, 1; Class Secretary, 1; Orchestra President, 4; Latin Club, 1; Literary Club, 3; Hiking Club, 3; "High Flyers," 3; "Oh, Kay!" 4.

JAMES WALLER-"Zeke"

"I'll not budge an inch."

Football, 1-4; Basketball, 1-4; Track, 1, 3, 4; Class President, 1; "Never Touched Me," 1; Agriculture Club, 1, 2; Orchestra, 1, 3, 4; Class Treasurer, 2; "High Flyers," 3; Literary Club, 3; Athletic Council, 3, 4; Booster Club, 3, 4; "Oh, Kay!" 4.

HELEN WHEELER-"Lefty"

"With her naturally curly hair she'll never feel the need of 'permanents' as the rest of us do."

Latin Club, 1; Glee Club, 1; Literary Club, 3; Vice President of Hiking Club, 3; Basketball, 1, 2; "High Flyers," 3.

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able seniors were only the sophs who had initiated them in the freshman year.

Time again goes on in its ceaseless flight and the former freshmen class of our article pass into their senior year. They felt that they were just another class of the school, working to promote the best interests of that institution which they represented. To the incoming freshmen they extended a welcome hand and desire to interest them in their school.

Commencement time came with its busy round of extracirricular activities which absorbed all thoughts of sorrow expressed at parting. Everyone was happy that they had completed ther course. Then followed a brief interval of time from the end of school to commencement exercises. This period gave time for reflection. And the exalted seniors felt it their lot to become again inferior and start at the bottom to achieve their goals in life.

The seniors have at last completed their class project, the Blue and Gold. They have labored in its behalf against the odds of inexperience and financial depression in business fields. An out-line or foundation of such a work has been laid upon which future classes and students may compare and build a much more finished product. Their is no limit to such an enterprise in the value received. The Blue and Gold staff hopes and believes that next years staff will make the paper bigger and better and worthy to bear the name of Maroa high school.

There is one person in our school who deserves highest praise. Always she is willing to lend a helping hand. Rosemary has given freely of her time to play for the glee clubs and orchestra, to accompany the soloists, and to play for assemblies and plays. Hers has been the real motto of service and to her goes much of the credit for our accomplishments in the musical field as well as in many other school activities.

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Class History

September 3, 1927, twenty-one Freshmen entered high tried to be very dignified and we con-However, after struggling weeks we found we were rather uncertain topics in general. At our first class meeting we Waller, president; Howard Rogers, vice presi-Ammana, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Hull, ad-We were entertained by upper classmen at a wiener The home of Ruth Harriett Jones. We were represent-Ammann and James Waller in football and Floyd We celebrated the fact that we were Fresh-Patrick's party. After many months of hard labor At this point five of our group left

The entering our Sophemore year, we elected as class Montizelle Braden, president; Floyd Hilt, vice presi Waller treasurer; Miram Vande Vanter, secretary; Mader as class advisor. We were well represented in Near the end of the year we gave a Televiin which everybody displayed their best abilities. The my days came and with them the school picnic, finals,

Then we again assembled in our Junior year we had five Howard Andes, Florence Meador, Helen Bennett, Tharman and Wallace Turner; and we lost Wyonda Sophomore class. As class officers we elected Wilpresident; Wallace Turner, vice president; John secretary; Montizelle Braden, treasurer; and Mr. Er-Later Miss Wurzburger took up the adwhich Mr. Erwin had left. We had a waffle supper at Cafe for the benefit of our class treasury. In Decemdesplayed our dramatic talen in our class play, "High Or next problem was the Junior- Senior banquet. We seemed the honorable Seniors in our airplane on the night of After we had seen the Seniors graduated we start-The state of the fact that we were Seniors. During the summer we lost three of our girls, Marie Meador and Helen Bennett. However, when again we had a new member, Lura Hunsinger, making a class enrollment of eighteen. Lura, after a month decided married life was the easiest way out after all For class officers we elected Rosemary Cox, Floyd Hilt, vice president; Fred Sterling, secretary; Bowden, treasurer. We all welcomed the arrival of our We took up the class project of editing the high The Blue and Gold. Wilbur Chapman was Editorwith a large staff worked hard to make it a suc-April. several of our class were in the operetta, "In On May 2, 1931, our class presented "Oh, Kay!" We were entertained by the Juniors at the Senior banquet on May 15. We had Class Night on May Barralaureate services were held on May 24 at the Presby-We received our diplomas on the night of May Because ting us in sports for the last year were John Am-Waller, Wilbur Chapman, Floyd Hilt and Fred Perlins.

The most interesting part of the whole thing is that out me seventeen persons graduating, seven of these started in and have gone through the twelve years together.

were grieved to hear of the death of George George is a graduate of the class of '28.

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Class "Poem"

(By Montizelle Braden)

There have been classes large, and classes small That have graduated here, 'tis true, But of the best class from Maroa High I'll now relate to you.

Helen is a pretty girl, She is both good and sweet And with her hair of softest curls, Che's cute from head to feet.

Wallace is our radio man As here all people know, He's also our right hand man In helping make things go.

Rosemary is our musician, At the piano she has lots of art, Things would surely be in bad condition If she would not do her part,

John seems to be our hero, He was in both our plays. He's also quite athletic, and oh, He has such winning ways.

James is another of our musicians. He now plays the baritone. He played in the instrumental group. And brought the banner home.

Edith is our typical blonde, But for men she has no thought. She never has very much to say And her mind cannot be bought.

Floyd is so straight and tall, He tops us all I think; And he surely did come in handy For baskets he surely could sink.

Gladys is our famed actress, Playing grandma is her part, And comic speeches she can express As thought they came from her heart.

Wilbur is our high point man, In many things he does excel; Quite good he is at singing bass, His voice sounds clear as a bell.

Cleo is our song bird With her voice so sweet and clear, She played the lead in the operetta; I wonder where she'll be next year.

Miram is our news reporter, On the staff of the "Blue and Gold;" She certainly goes and gets her stuff And writes it as she's told.

Ruth is our historian, She'll tell you of our past, We've done so many good things She'll leave the bad until last.

Fred is a wonderful booster In all athletic games; He also is our sports editor And writes of M. C. H. S. fame. Racheal is always ready for fun, With her cute and witty way; And all of her dear old classmates Will remember her many a day.

Charles is a handsome Senior, With his hair so dark and sleek; Far off you can recognize him By his ways so demure and meek.

Leland is a likeable chap, He's so nice and kind; The type you often look for But very seldom find.

Montizelle is the class poet, She's described the Seniors in rhyme But it certainly is a trying position, For she just can't get the right time.

After reading about this class I hope you will agree It is just as fine a class As ever you will see.

Class Song

(By Cleo Shoemaker)

Tune ("Springtime In the Rockies")

VERSE:

Completed now is our career, good-bye high school days, Efficient now are we to win the fight. May onward, upward, still our daily motto Be as we strive to reach life's mountain height; We're not content with knowledge we've acquired, Ambitious, studious we will ever be; We'll labor till our highest goal is reached, We're capable and we'll really try. CHOURS:

In the spring of thirty-one, We are going out from you; Dear Maroa Community High School, We must bid you a fond adieu. We will hallow our Alma Mater As we go down through the years, Tho' the parting at your doorway Mingles joy with hope and tears.

Class Prophecy

Hello folks, this is station WMNT. We are about to broadcast the events of the first annual reunion of the class of '31. This broadcast comes to you through the courtesy of the Daily News-Times. We're 'way up on the third floor in the Blue Room of the new Hotel Maroa.

Well, let's listen to whats going on. John Ammann is telling about his experiences in the last ten years. Believe it or not "Doc" is a missionary on a South Sea island, where there are no women.

Next is Wilbur Chapman, who has become the Editor-in-Chief of the New York Daily Tabloid. His wrte-ups of sensational murders have caused the circulation to grow three-fold.

Racheal Bowden has become a teacher in the dear old Maroa High School. She teaches English and Literature. She is twenty-seven years old and an old maid.

Floyd Hilt is a prosperous theatre manager in Centra!

where he owns theatres in Argenta, Maroa, Weldon and

much to our surprise, did not marry Floyd, but has soprano with the Metropolitan Opera company. Warm Vandevanter is holding down a good position as

Through this methe beauty of the women of Macon county.

Leland Camp we have the greatest surprise. Leman and rapidly rose to

The is this thats telling their story now. Why, it's Fred With his hair grown long we didn't know him. He is was a second to the World Broadcasting Company.

Bennett has made good use of his gift of a flow He has become barker for a side show with Sells-Floto

Montaelle Braden is a happy Illinois farm wife. She Bodney Morris soon after he graduated from school me they have lived on the farm ever since,

Wheeler says she is operating a beauty parlor in Miram, keep the Macon women beautiful.

Lyons writes short stories for the better class of She is especially good in portraying elderthink themselves very ill.

Waller has entered the squared circle as a conthe heavyweight championship. After ten years of second-rate boxers he is ready to take the manufilm's belt.

Austin has cashed in on her ability as an amateur has attained fame in Hollywood as an old woman

Shoemaker has become a very famous aviatrix. woman Lindbergh and is the only person to have Town the Pacific.

Cox is the first woman president of the Univer-Illinois and is among the best known educators in the

Well there's sixteen. Who has been left out? Oh, there's As is well known he never attended an affair this but he's here at this one-as radio announcer.

Class Will

We the class of 1931 of Maroa Community High School, Macon, State of Illinois, Nation of United States of Continent of North America, being of sound mind and of mental versatality, who are about to finish our sapient, unparalprosaic, and versatile career in M. C. H. S. do begueath our reciprocated attentions and unusual talents, we are through with forever, to our teachers and school-

To the teachers, we leave our deepest sympathy and tribulations, which they so bravely endured we our four years in M. C. H. S.

To the Juniors, we leave our Physics notebooks to save many trying moments.

Third: To the Sophomores, our sister class, we bequeath make them typical upperclassmen.

To the Freshmen, we leave our humor as we may may as well have much too much as too much.

Figure the individuals, with due regard for the feelsolemnly hereby bequeath our most treasmost possessions:

- I, Cleo Shoemaker, leave my ability to sing to Alberta Lienhart so that she may become a great opera singer.
- I, Gladys Austin, leave my ability to attract Fred Sterling to Genivieve McIlvenna.
- I, Floyd Hilt, leave my height to Doyle Thomas so that he may be a perfect speciman of a handsome man.
- I, Helen Wheeler, leave my curly hair to Helen Dean so that she may be the beauty of M. C. H. S. next year.
- I, John Amman, leave my unresistable attraction for the girls to Carl Wendling, providing he exerts no influence upon one of the Senior girls.
- I, Rosemary Cox, leave my freckles to Nelson Himes so that he may become as worried about them as I have been.
- I, Wilbur Chapman, leave my executive ability to James Wikoff, so that he may become a "not born but made" leader.
- I, Racheal Bowden, leave my chewing gum to Bonnie Marlatt, providing she does not overwork it.
- I, Leland Camp, leave my winning ways to Skinny Austin, knowing he will need them worse than I do.
- I, Edith Shoemaker, leave my hair to Pearl Wilson so that she may be the peroxide blond of M. C. H. S. next year.
- I, Fred Sterling, bequeath my knowledge of Physics to James Parker so that he may judge distance and angles more accurately while driving.
- I, Ruth Lyons, leave my ability to look daggers at Skinny Austin during the fifth period study hall, to Maxine Stivers.
- I, James Waller, leave my athletic career to Paul Braden, so that he may become as popular with the Kenney girls as I have been.
- I, Montizelle Braden, leave my vote as Fashion Plate to Eloise Morganthaler.
- I, Wallace Turner, leave my devilish brown eyes to Willis Spicer, which will complete his handsomeness.
- I, Miram Vande Vanter, leave my knowledge of rhythm in dancing to Doris Carney.
- I, Charles Bennett, bequeath my capability to stutter to Maxine Groves, in order to decrease her rapidity of speech.

We hereby appoint Miss Kane, our patroness, executrix of this, our final will and testament.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and seal this seventh day of May A. D., Nineteen Hundred and Thir-

Class of 1931.

Montizelle Braden and Miram Vande Vanter, Class Attorneys

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Mr. Keyes Mr. Wolfe

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Maroa Wins 1931 Macon County Literary, Music and Athletic Contest

Dispaying consistency and talent in all divisions of the Macon county meet, Maroa won the grand championship banner thus for one year receiving all that the Association had to offer. Those who placed are as follows:

Leonard Braden placed first in cornet solo.

Kathryn Thomas placed third in the piano solo.

Instrumental Group—James Waller, R. Stoutenborough, Leonard Braden and James Sterling—won their àivision.

Mixed Quartet—Mary K. Ammann, Helen Berry, Tim Crouch and John Ammann—Placed fourth in quartet.

The Girls Chorus took second place while Tim Crouch represented us in the vocal solo division.

Placings in the literary meet are as follows:

Helen Lyman, third in declamation; John Ammann, first in oration and Wilbur Chapman third in both extemporaneous speech and essay. It might be said that Maroa scored more points in this division than in any other part of the meet because some of the ruling elders see fit not to award any points for group participation.



LEONARD BRADEN

M. C. H. S. GLEE CLUB



Back Row: Stoutenborough, F. Sterling, Chapman, Ammann, Crouch, Hobkirk, Dean.

Middle Row: Westerman, C. Berry, Glosser, H. Berry, K. Ammann, Lyman, Groves, Stivers.

Front Row: Director Wolfe, Cox, Pollock, Wikoff, Bowden, Spooner, M. Braden, Potter, A. Caplinger, Lyons.

Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION:

What does Commencement mean to you?

"Commencement means to me the beginning and the end. It is end of many happy and eventful days which can not be forgotten. However it really marks the first stepping stone in education."—Floyd Hilt.

"It means the completion of our first ambition. Athough we feel sad as we have to leave our happy school days, when we think of the future, we realize that we too have to take our places in life. Commoncement means the beginning of our seeking to attain that more difficult and higer goal—our life goal."—Gladys Austin.

"Commencement to me means the end of my high school days, but it also means the beginning of a different life."—Heien Wheeler.

"Commencement to me means that I shall be out in the world "on my own!" I will have to put to use the education that I have acquired during the last twelve years."—Ruth Lyons.

"I am happy to say that I have been able to go through high school and sorry to think that I can't enjoy any more days like I used to. It is just the first step really in our education and I hope to continue, if possible."—Cleo Shoemaker.

"It means attainment of a goal which I have strived during my four years in M. C. H. S. It is the starting point

which may lead to success."—Edith Shoemaker.

The like Commencement is the beginning of the end.

The thoroughly enjoyed my school life and I cannot find any saying that I am glad I am through. I believe that I back on my high school days as the happiest of my my high school days as the happiest of my my high school days as the happiest of my high school days as the happies

mencement in one way means the end of my happy and in another way it is a first step in the preparaticipation in life."—Racheal Bowden.

Commencement is the attainment of an ambition. It is sping stone to higher accomplishments. We must really the have to fulfill our places in the world. Commencements the first step successfully completed toward that goal."

Commencement in itself is the formal ceremony emto Present the insignia of a completed high school course section. Commencement means to commence. The retional property for the action of an individual is laid at the door of sectional."—A student.

To me commencement is the grand finale to twleve years.

The stant study and work. In a way, Commencement makes that one has wasted a great deel of time in school that should have spent working. I am glad that I am through, the stant I wish that I were just beginning."—Fred Sterling.

If both annual and "Blue and Gold" cannot be edited in the same year, which one would you rather this school would publish?

ANSWERS:

I prefer the annual because it is more interesting."—
Betty Potter, '34.

I would rather have the annual because it is a much and more compact way to keep school events.—Harriet

The "Blue and Gold," published every month, is better the annual which only comes out at the end of the year."

Wendling, '34.

requires less finances, and is an avenue for expression local high school problems."—Helen Glosser, '32.



GERTRUDE HASTINGS

LEONARD AND GERTRUDE WIN MORE HONORS

In the Decatur music festival, sponsored by the Decatur Review, Gertrude Hastings won first in piane solo out of a strong field of competition. Leonard wen first in the cornet solo division and for the entire day Maroa carried off most of the individual honors. M. C. H. S. is proud of these fine musicians and of their record and the school is expecting greater things from them in the future.

The glee club was represented in the massed chorus while many of the orchestra members took part in the massed band.

CARD OF THANKS

The Blue and Gold Staff wishes especially to thank Mr. Dine and Mr. Keyes for their willing and helpful services offered in making many of the pictures used through-out the year.

M. C. H. S. ORCHESTRA



Back Row: Waller, Meador, Austin, Spooner, Adams, Sterling, Braden, Bennett, Caplinger, Fishel.

Midle Row: Cramer, Stoutenborough, Mott, Skinner, Wheeler, Morgan, Groves, Westerman, G. Austin, Vande Vanter.

Front Row: G. Waller, Dewhirst, Coen, P. Coen, Cox, Jones, Stivers, Thomas, McGuire.

Commencement Exercises

CLASS DAY PROGRAM

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1931

Salutatory Montizelle Braden
Presentation of Gavel Senior Class
President to Junior Class President
Class Poem Montizelle Braden
Class History Ruth Lyons
Vocal Solo
Class Prophecy Wallace Turner
Class Will
Valedictory Racheal Bowden
Album
Class Song (Words by Cleo Shoemaker)

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES HELD AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SUNDAY, MAY 24

March Community Orchestra
Hymn Congregation
Invocation Rev. P. R. Coen
Scripture
Address: "A Winner in Both Worlds" Rev. W. C. Chapman
Selection: "My Creed" H. S. Girls' Glee Club
Selection: "The Green Cathedral" H. S. Girls' Glee Club
Benediction
March

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EXERCISES

TUESDAY, MAY 26, AT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

March	High School Orchestra
Invocation	
"Leisure and Life"	
Reading	Ruth Lyons
"Leisure and the Individual"	
Violin Solo	Gladys Austin
"Leisure and the Students of Maroa	
Community High"	John Ammann
Quartette	Senior Girls
"The Community's Part in Solving	
the Problems of Leisure"	James Waller
Piano Solo	Rosemary Cox
Music	. High School Orchestra
"The School's Part in Solving the	
Problem of Leisure"	Racheal Bowden
Presentation of Class	Mr. E. H. Menke
Principal of High S	
Awarding of Diplomas	Mr. D. M. Dewhirst
President, Board of Ed	
Presentation of Honor Key	Mr. E. H. Menke
Benediction	Rev. C. W. Ivie
March	

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

The Senior class is breaking away from the conventional speaker as the main feature of the graduation exercises and in his stead are taking up the subject of leisure time in its relations to the home, school, Maroa community, and life.

Five members of the class will bring the topic before the audience and will develop it, drawing from it definite results and conclusions. These speakers have prepared their materials

under the direction of Mr. Menke. For a recent three period, the committee distributed questionaires throughout the student body to obtain a definite check on how the students M. C. H. S. spend their leisure time, that is as time spend home study, reading, music, pool, cards, dancing, church, entry these interesting facts are to be revealed by one of the principal speakers.

This plan for a Commencement has a definite purpose of gives the graduates a chance to appear before the public and display what ability they have acquired during their entire his school course. Anyone can sit upon a stage and listen as speaker of whose message they retain nothing. But a most desirable is to have the young people take an interest in the opportunities a specific community offers for the right restment of leisure time, study it thoroughly, and then present their conclusions and suggestions for change in highly organized manner. Such makes Commencement a class accomplishment and makes it mean something to the individual

Pupils who filled in the questionares recorded the spent in the various activities in minutes which were later transposed into hours and days by the members of the According to tabulated results the average student of high school spends 33 1-3 per cent of each day in rest. The cent in leisure; 24 per cent in school; 19 1-3 per cent in accounted loafing.

During the three weeks 306,253 minutes were clerical work, reading, music, home study and conversation 32,987 minutes spent in church services; and 293,375 in dancing, cards, pool, movies, loafing, auto riding taining boy friends, and girl friends.

Skipper Sez

A WORK WELL DONE

"And the night shall be filled with music And the cares that infest the day Shall fold their tents like the Arabs. And as silently steal away."

The above lines presage that feeling of contentment of serenety, of the joy of living which come into the soul of man at the end of the day, the end of the week. or the end of a jum well done. We here in high school are about to close our books on the record of another year's work. What kind of a record is it? Naturally at this time of the year some of us become me trospective for the first time and seriously evaluate our parties lar part in the making of this record. But, alas, this is not the time to take stock. It is too late. Bankruptcy has already see in. We cannot turn back the days, or hours, or minutes and use them over again. Oh that we could. How differently we would employ them this time. But, it is not ordered the way and we can do nothing about it. We are compelled to look at the maked truth and know its terrible judgment expressed that somewhere between sunrise and sunset. sixty golden minutes they are gone forever."

Fortunately for us our record is not a cumulative one and held against us in its entirety. There is a chance for restinction, for correction. We can make our record better in the future and thus in a large measure wipe out that past record which we are not proud. The world is quite forgiving and the dy to disregard the past in the face of a satisfied present and promising future. If our record is not what it should be can change it, if we are of such a mind. And this is what we should do.

A careful appraisement of our year's work will discuss I believe, a record of which we may justly be provided in all the (Continued on Page 11)

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departments of our work there has been a noticable improvement. Our scholastic attainments have been an a somewhat higher level, and in our extra-curricular activities we have very conspicuously exceeded the record of last year. It is in respect one phase of the latter that I wish to call particular attention.

The new Blue and Gold enterprise, exclusively undertakand handled by the Senior class, has been the greatest acplishment of the year, in my opinion. Its contribution towards the success of this school year is very apparent. Those who have had the management of this school paper in hand are to be complimented on their executive and business ability.

The whole undertaking has been conducted in such a way as to do credit to a business of the highest order of efficiency. To Wilbur Chapman, chief editor, goes much of the credit. To the class as a whole we are duly grateful. Theirs is a work well done. It is to them that the thought in the lines above is dedicated.

Exchange

The Blue and Gold wishes to thank all those high school papers which have exchanged with us during the past year.

"Sa-Mor"-Mt. Zion, Ill.

Parrot"-Metamora, Ill.

"Maual"—Peoria, Ill.

"Railsplitter"-Lincoln, Ill.

"New Arko"-Newark, Ill.

"The Echo"-Canton, S. D.

"The Pinion"—Honolulu, Ha.

"Malden Outlook" -- Malden, Ill.

"The Clipper"-Monmouth, Ill.

"Tomahawk"-Sioux City, Ia.

"Rockford Owl"-Rockford, Ill.

"Sentinel" Stillman Valley, Ill. "The Palmyrian"-Palmyra, N. J.

"Wa-Hi Journal"-Walla Walla, Wash.

is the hope of the future managers to double the size of this column by many times before the passage of another year. It is a great help to the small paper that is just starting to receive suggestions and ideas from an exchange.

Local Items

DAIRY JUDGING TEAM PLACES SECOND AT CARLINVILLE

The Ag teams went to Blackburn at Carlinville Tuesday, May 12, to participate in a judging contest in which there were Jourteen high schools of Central Illinois represented. The Dairy team placed second in a field of strong competition. Robert Long placed fourth out of 84 boys while Virgil Purdue and Nelson Wilson took 12th and 13th places respectively to give the team a high rating. The Livestock team captured 9th place.

A definite schedule for high school judging teams is arranged each year by agriculture authorities. The boys and their instructor make no fuss about these, but slip away quietly to win honors for the school, and gain awards and practical experience for themselves. They are one of our organizations of which we are justly proud.

M. C. H. S. was happy to hear of the marriage of Miss Nira Purdom of this city and George S. Stormer of Decatur. Mrs. Stormer is a graduate of the class of '17.

Members of the school were deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. W. W. Smart, mother of Lillie Mae Smart, and wish to extend their most heartfelt sympathies to the family.

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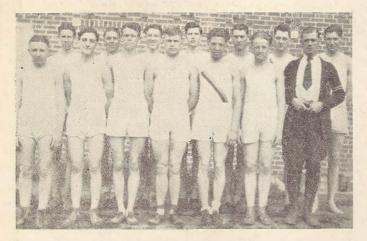
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MAROA TRACK TEAM



Back Row: Himes, Fort, Caplinger, Austin, Wilson, Waller, Hilt. Front Row: Stoutenborough, Meador, Purdue, Ammann, Kirby, Morgan, Coach Wolfe.

MAROA TRACKMEN FINISH SECOND IN MACON COUNTY

TRACK AND FIELD MEET

The 1931 Macon County Track and Field Meet was run off on one of the muddiest and most disagreeable tracks in the history of the annual classic. Because of this fact, no records were broken except in the new event, the hop, skip and jump. This was set by Stan Zienkosky, when he hopped, skipped and jumped 35 feet and 11 inches. Because of the rain and uncertain footing, the pole vault had to be discontinued. This ruined "Guv" Wilson's chance to establish a better record than nine feet six inches, which he himself set last year.

One of the most interesting events of the contest was the 880 yard relay, won by Maroa. Jim Waller, local anchor man, showed remarkable speed and power in defeating Dean Trainer; the stellar athlete from Blue Mound. Trainer slipped and fell near the finish of his portion of the relay. The local Freshmen, defending their title in the frosh relay, won again, running a good race, on the heavy track.

By winning the all musical, literary and track contest banner, it makes the fifth year in which Maroa has accomplished this fete. The other years were 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1924.

SUMMARY OF MEET

220 yard low hurdles— Won by Hardin (Argenta); Majors (Warrensburg), second; Ammann (Maroa), third; Widick (Macon), fourth. Time—31 seconds.

100 yard dash—Won by Waller (Maroa); Daniels (Blue Mound, second; Major (Warrensburg), third; Putch (Blue Mound), fourth. Time—11 seconds.

880 yard run—Won by Black (Argenta); Norris (Warrensburg), second; Henderson (Mt. Zion), third; Caplinger

(Maroa), fourth. Time-2 minutes, 17.5 seconds.

440 frosh relay—Won by Maroa (Meador, Fort Ozber); Mt. Zion, second; Argenta, third; Blue Mound for Time—56 seconds.

Shot put—Won by Blair (Blue Mound); McQuillagenta), second; Lowe (Blue Mound), third; Jones Macroth. Distance—39 feet, 10 inches.

880 yard relay—Won by Maroa (Austin, Caplinger, wason, Waller); Warrensburg, second; Argenta, third.

440 yard run—Won by Garrett (Argenta); Mathews (Blue Mound), second; Black (Argenta), third; Austin (Marwal fourth. Time—60 seconds.

220 yard dash—Won by Trainer (Blue Mound); Major (Warrensburg), second; Dobson (Mt. Zion), third; Phillips (Agenta), fourth. Time— 25.5 seconds.

High jump—Won by Gambrel (Warrensburg); Hilt roa), second; James (Warrensburg), third; Jones (Macon) Lowe (Blue Mound), fourth. Height—5 feet, 5 inches

Pole vault—(Points divided) Putch (Blue Mound) and White (Blue Mound), Williams (Macon), Wilson and Austra (Maroa) and Baker (Warrensburg).

Discus—Won by Cowgill (Niantic); Wilson (Marca) second; Winters (Warrensburg), third; Lowe (Blue Mount) fourth. Distance—93 feet, 6 inches.

Javelin throw—Won by Trainer (Blue Mound): Head (Argenta), second; Buckley (Warrensburg). third (Blue Mound), fourth. Distance—123 feet.

Broad jump—Won by Wilson (Maroa); Waller second; Daniels (Blue Mound), third; Zienkosky fourth. Distance—18 feet, 5.75 inches.

Hop, skip and jump—Won by Zienkosky Niantic Deciels (Blue Mound), second; Garrett (Argenta), third (Macon), fourth.

DECATUR THINCLADS DOWN MAROANS 7249

In what was supposed to be a triangular track catur High won over Maroa High April 29th. The final was 72 1-3 to 49 2-3. Although Maroa took only a few they won several second and third places which added to their total. Wilson and Austin finished first and second the pole vault while Hilt and Wilson won first and second high jump.

Rex, W. Schroeder and Dabner were high scores for the Reds while the "superb milers," Stuckey and Hallahan farmed arm in arm.

Bethany, the third team, failed to come.

MAROA TRACKSTERS SWAMP CLINTON 83-33

Getting revenge for bad defeats in football and basked by Clinton in the past, Maroa trackmen swamped the bask 88 2-3 to 33 1-3. Clinton won only two firsts, and and seems Freshman won both. These events were the 880 and the Maroa scored slams (won all places) in the discuss pole than high jump and hurdles.

This meet was surely a good warm-up for the county may 8th.

WILSON STARS AS MAROA TRIUMPHS IN TRIANGULAR

With Wilson, its all around athlete, taking six firsts the

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Maroa thinclads rolled up 791/2 points to capture the triangular meet between Argenta, Warrensburg and Maroa at Argenta, May 14th. Argenta was second with 41 points and Warrensburg got 221/2 points.

Wilson was the leading scorer of the meet with 34 points. Black of Argenta was an outstanding long distance runner, taking first in the 880, and the mile run. The Maroa thinclads who placed in the meet are as follows: Wilson, Waller, Hilt, Austin, Fort Kirby, Caplinger and Ammann.

It was the last track event for the Blue and Gold thinof this season.

TRACK SEASON RECORD

Blue Mound, 73; Maroa, 69. Decatur, 73; Maroa, 49. Maroa, 88 2-3; Clinton, 33 1-3. Second in County Meet. Maroa, 79 1-2; Argenta, 41; Warrensburg, 22 1-2.

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SENIORS ROYALLY ENTERTAINED AT RECEPTION

The annual Junior-Senior banquet was given May 15th. The color scheme was worked out in orchid and silver, the colof the Senior class. The plan carried throughout was that of a radio. In each of the four corners of the gym was a large tower, as is seen at all broadcasting stations, connected diagonally to one in the opposite corner. Large streamers were hung around the walls and with the wavy ceiling of crepe paper, gave the setting an atmosphere of a flower garden. The favors were minature radios with a sold ticket attached to them, which ser-Ted as place cards.

In the toast program which followed, with Junior Parker acting as master of ceremonies, the speakers were given subswhich pertained to radio and the subject matter was compiled from the relation of the topics to school life in gen-Bud Milnes spoke on "Batteries," which he compared to the faculty who supply the power and stimulus to an educational institution; Wilbur Chapman on "Static," dealing with those things objectionable in school life; Mr. Wolfe on "Tuning Dials" in which he gave the students a little philosophical saying, that as the sponge absorbs, so shall it give off when squeezed;" Mr. Menke on "Antennae" in which he stressed the need for a foundation as that offered in high school if the individual seeks to gain all that he possibly can.

A "Welcome" was extended to the Seniors by the Junior resident, Helen Stoutenborough, and the "Response" by the Senior president, Rosemary Cox.

Gertrude. Hastings favored her appreciative audience with piano solo, and Cleo Shoemaker rendered a pleasing vocal Tumber

Then Mr. Keyes presented the picture—"Captain Fly By Night," supplemented by the comedy, "Gentlemen Prefer Sotch"—after which there was dancing which everyone enjoyed.

RACHEAL BOWDEN, VALEDICTORIAN

Racheal Bowden has been announced as the Valedictorian of this year's graduating class with an average of .94.2 and Montizelle Braden, Salutatorian, with an average of 94.19. Rosemary Cox placed third with an average of 93.93 and Miram Vande Vanter, fourth with an average of 90.●3. Wilbur Chapman and Wallace Turner were not eligible for a place due to the fact that they have not attended this school all four years. However, they would have placed high and so should receive honorable mention.

Dr. C. M. Wood

GRADE SCHOOL P. T. A.

Picnic Friday, May 29. Eats at grade building at 12:00. School exhibit and trackmeet in P. M.

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM OF EIGHTH GRADE PUPILS

Class March Jeanette Parker
Invocation
Welcome Emily Jane Dewhirst
Class Song Eighth Grade
Reading: "American Boy"
Class Prophecy
Quartette Jeanette
Parker, Harriett Bunner, Virgil Ogden, Wm. Wallace
Reading Wilma Shoemaker
Glee Club: "Merry June" Grade School
Address
Presentation of Diplomas
and Dr. W. T. McLean
Orchestra Eighth Grade
Benediction Rev. P. R. Coen
Emly Jane Dewhirst,
Mary June Cramer Salutatorian

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

Betty Adams Ruth Austin Harriett Bunner Dorothy Caldwell Mary June Cramer Emily Jane Dewhirst Wilson Fyke Leola Glick Charles McPheron Virgil Ogden Jeanette Parker Benjamin Pulliam

Hugh Pulliam Martha Quinn Wilma Snyder Martha Snyder Mary E. Spooner Allen Stuller Ruth Stuller Junior Waller Eugene Westbrook William Wallace Jennie Reed

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

At last the day has arrived! The day which so many have looked forward to is Friday, May 29th. Plan to spend the day at school and bring your baskets for a picnic at noon for anyone interested in the school and their work.

Following dinner there will be the annual track meet Those taking part in this are the boys and girls of the four upper grades. The one receiving most points will win the meet

In addition to this there will be a general exhibit of the eight grades in the assembly hall. The things each contributing are:

First Grade: Japanese sand table, flag of United Same egg-shell gardens, A B C booklets, newspaper.

Second Grade: Doll house, art work.

Third Grade: Vegetable dolls, Dutch village.

Fourth Grade: A typical farm, writing papers. ne Fifth Grade: Health house, poetry books, maps.

Sixth Grade: Maps, outlines, projects of Central

Seventh Grade: Illustrated reading, stories, bird books writing papers, geography projects, scene going West, house notebooks.

Eighth Grade: Hygiene notebooks, Evangeline selections of art, scene going West, city charts.

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REVIEW OF HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

It takes two years to complete the Home Economics course offered in Maroa high school, one half credit being given for each semester's work.

In the Home Economics department there are two divisions, the foods course and the clothing course.

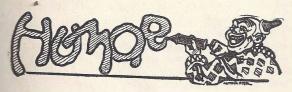
It is a common belief that the only thing taught in the food classes is how to prepare variuos dishes, and the only thing taught in the clothing course is how to put pieces of cloth together to make a garment.

Such is not the case. In Foods we study the relation of food to health; we learn what foods to prepare and what they do towards building healthy bodies; how to prepare the foods; and how to act as host, hostess, or guest at a formal or informal meal.

We know that a meal to be successful must be planned ahead and perfectly managed. The table should be decorated, and the chinaware should harmonize. We should have a definite color scheme and our foods should be well prepared, interesting, and apetizing. We learn what foods the baby needs and when he needs it. It is the aim of our instructor to teach us these things so we will be good hostesses and have well managed homes.

In Clothing we learn the kinds and qualities of cloth; what is best suited for different purposes; the styles and colors most becoming to us; and how to plan our clothing budget, besides how to make straight and durable seams in garments. We are taught to decide what we want and about how much we want to pay for it before we go into a store. We are taught to look at a garment and think whether or not it is suitable, hygenic, worth the cost, and easy to keep looking nice.

The main purpose of this course is to teach us to use good judgment in the selection of clothing and preparation of foods.—Doris Carney.



THE TROPHY CASE

Whether long hair or short hair, curly or straight It all needs adjusting to look sedate, So here's to the trophy case, long may it stand, So the girls may look in oft as they can.

JOHN AMMANN ON "LOVE"

I was fortunate in securing an interview with John Amman on that age old subject, love. As John is the authority in M. C. H. S. on affairs of the heart it is well to pass the good word along.

"Love," said he, "is war, dipped in and coated with senti-

This brought questions to my mind. Is love older than Did war gradually emerge from love?

"Yes," he said, "love is the oldest thing there is and yet young people always try to be up to date. For instance, play a time ten years old and they are bored, yet love, the oldest thing the world, is yet new to them.

"Then, when is one in love," was my next question.

"That is easy. When one is in love he (always he) is greeable. The girl dreams and writes notes. The boy acts siles than ordinary and does things he wouldn't do if he were touched by this universal melody.

The girl dreams and says to herself:

"Love is sweet," and she pictures candy.

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"Love is emotion," and thinks of the squawkies.
"But love is awkward," and then thinks of him.
Miss Kane: "Give the principle parts of swear."
Wallace Turner (under his breath): "Cuss, cuss, cuss."
Miss Kane (overhearing him): "Yes, that's one way."

WHAT THEY WANT FOR GRADUATION

Ammann-Just someone to love him. Bennett-Patent leather hair. Racheal-New towns to conquer. Montizelle-"Oh, give me crystal beads." Rosemary-A way to skip Freshman year at college. Wally-A girl in every town. Chapman-To be rid of the Blue and Gold. Gladys-A silver plated violin bow. Ruth-Correspondence course in acting. Edith-To be blonde. Miram-An Austin. Camp-A Cadillac V-16. Sterling-A sports-writers position. Hilt-Just to be with Cleo. Cleo-And to be with Floyd. Helen-John forever Waller-A girl in every town. Turner-An antidote for embarrassment.

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

Howard Wolfe J. H. Wolfe Coach Wolfe Mr. J. Howard Wolfe Professor Wolfe J. Howard Wolfe

Mr. J. H. Wolfe

Since moving into the new building we note the forming of a new club. This is called:

THE LOCKER DOOR HANGERS

(Members)

"Doc" (Pres.) Racheal
John Kirby Helen
Junior Miram
Waller Rosemary
Floyd Cleo
Timmy Catherine

Club Song:

"Swinging on the Locker Door"

Mr. Wolfe (making an announcement): "There will be a short girls glee club practice after school."

How about the tall girls?

SAD LINES

Assembly Speaker: "I have only a few words to see."

Mr. Keyes: "Now take these notes."

Mr. Wolfe: "We'll have a short test today."

Miss Kane: "Tomorrow we will start on a dasset many have books?"

Mr. Menke: "I'd like to see you in the office ment."

Miss Flugum: "Now we will begin sight transfer of Mr. Norton: "Notebooks are due not later transfer ow."

Miss Garrison: "If you must act that way in story you will have to go see Mr. Menke.

FLOYD OATE'S IDEA OF THE PERFECT SCHOOL DAW

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Second Period—Repose (entire).

Third Period—Rest (absolute).

Fourth Period—Dozing (continual).

Fifth Period—Biology (suspended animation).

Sixth Period—Cessation (complete).

Seventh Period—Oblivion (noble).

Eighth Period—Sleep (accompanied by Walts

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LOVE IS AN AWFUL THING

Bent locker doors.
Decreasing honor roll.
Empty pockets.
Disappearing appetites.
Wonderful dreams.
Increase in sale of cosmetics.
Going to sleep in school.
Wistful expressions.

Mr. Norton asked his biology class to give three reasons why they were taking that subject:

Helen Berry wrote:

1—So I could be in Charley's class.

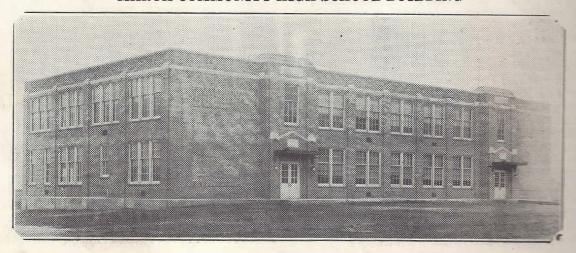
2—So Junior could be in my class.

3-So Charley and I could be together.

Rev. Coen: "Good evening, John, my boy. Do attend a place of worship?"

John Ammann: "Yes, sir! I'm on my way now. I go nearly every night."

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